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Attorney Docket No. **TI-28234**

First Named Inventor or Application Identifier

**Jean-Louis Tardieux**

Title

**Pipeline Protection**

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**EL255679035**

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

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1. ☒ \*Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages **47**]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
- Cross References to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D  
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC d113) [Total Sheets **19**]
4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages **1**]  
a. ☒ Newly Executed (original or copy)  
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR §1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)  
[Note Box 5 below]  
i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application,  
see 37 CFR §1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of  
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hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)  
a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy  
b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)  
c. ☐ Statement verifying identical of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

8. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & Documents(s))
9. ☐ 37 CFR §3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ 4 Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
14. ☐ \*Small Entity Statement(s) ☐ Statement filed in prior application  
(PTO/SB/09-12) Status still proper and desired
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if foreign priority is claimed
16. ☐ Other:

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	760	201	395	Utility filing fee	<b>\$760</b>
106	310	206	165	Design filing fee	\$
107	480	207	270	Plant filing fee	\$
108	760	208	395	Reissue filing fee	\$
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	\$

**SUBTOTAL (1)****(\$)** **760****2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims <b>15</b>	-20** = <b>0</b>	x <b>18</b>	= <b>0</b>
Independent Claims <b>2</b>	-3** = <b>0</b>	x <b>78</b>	= <b>0</b>
Multiple Dependent		<b>260</b>	=

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Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	11	Claims in excess of 20
102	78	202	41	Independent Claims in excess of 3
104	260	204	135	Multiple dependent claims in excess of 3
109	78	209	41	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	11	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	380	216	200	Extension of time within second month	
117	870	217	475	Extension of time within third month	
118	1,360	218	755	Extension of time within fourth month	
128	1,850	228	1,030	Extension of time within fifth month	
119	300	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	300	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	260	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,210	241	660	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,210	242	660	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	430	243	225	Design issue fee	
144	580	244	335	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt.	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (time number of properties)	
146	760	246	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	760	249	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	

Other fee (specify)

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